Juneau Alaska

Feb. 23: 1897

C. D. Eaton

Dear Bro.

I received word from the board some time ago to the effect that the property we are now occupying would be purchased by the board. Can you tell me if any part of the appropriation has been raised or if any thing has been done in regard to the matter. It is rather a dilicate affair for me to take hold of seeing that I own the

place. and I have shut out the matter.
the possibility of my
selling it to any outsiders
as it should belong to the
mission If you know
any thing in regard to
this matter I would be
very glad to know also
as we will need the
money we have in this place
Dr Jackson suggested
that Mrs Willard write something
for the press that would
call in money for this object
but she says she can not do it
though in writing to Mrs.
Shepard of New York She mentioned

Respectfully
Eugene S Willard

TREASURER'S OFFICE. RECEIVED APR 16 1894

Juneau Alaska Apr. 4. 1894

A.D. Eaton

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 13 to hand. You ask if I am willing to wait for the Woman's Executive committee to secure the necessary funds for the parsonage. I am — but, would it not be the proper thing for me to take a note for the amount, and have the deed made out for the Board? The town is patented and deeds are soon to issue from the Trustee. I would like to have Government deeds for all of the property belonging to the Board before I leave Juneau. Advise me as to your plan as soon as possible, also tell me to what name should the deeds be made.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours truly

Eugene S. Willard.

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Ask Mr Eaton about it

Juneau Presbyterian Mission

REV. L. F. JONES, Superintendent

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Juneau, Alaska, Nov. 25th 1895.

Put in Juneau deed

Dear Brethren:-

Some time since in accordance with your request I wrote you suggesting a price for The Board's property here in Juneau, exclusive of the Church building. I have been patiently waiting to hear your verdict on the matter but as yet have received no word about it. The purchase and survey of plot for the new mission — in case it we sell out here — made the public aware of our movement. Now some parties are anxiously waiting what price you will determine on ~~here~~. I would suggest this, That the property be not sold before spring when it will sell to a better advantage and that as soon as you can you send me your lowest possible figures. Of course this will not be made known and we shall try to real

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ize a much larger sum than your possible lowest price. Property is still on the increase in valuation and I think the Board could sell out for at least $12,000.00 right easily (i.e. next spring). I had the new plot surveyed and it contains a little over six acres. It is an excellent location and may some day in the not distant future be worth a hundred times its cost. Please let me know your decision as soon as you can That I may be able to work the matter up to the best advantage. Everybody commends the step and only wonder that the new mission building is where it is. Please do not fail to exclude the church building from this sale in case you make up your minds to sell. The census recently taken gives Juneau a white population of over 1300. The Episcopalians are now about to erect a church here.

With kindest regards, I am Sincerely yours
L. F. Jones

Property

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, Oct. 26, 1896.

Rev. Geo. F. McAfee,
New York City,

Dear Brother:-

Some time ago I laid before the Board the advisibility of selling the mission premises here - excluding the church - and moving out on the shore front outside of the city limits. I stated the various reasons for such a move and submitted my plans to the Board. They were approved and I was requested to name the amount which they should receive for our property exclusive the church building. This I did naming the amount not less than $10,000.00. I have never had any reply

to that letter from the Board though I have waited nearly a year for it. Now I would say that in view of going out on the shore front, before the property was taken up and it was too late, I secured from the aborigines six acres and a fraction of land, when the location is the most desirable for a mission plant. For this I have a regular deed and the property I had surveyed by the local official surveyor. The whole cost amounts only to $40.00. Now I am ready to deed four fifths of this valuable property (~~has~~ increased in valuation since I purchased) over to Board when they are ready to build a new mission on the same. Now let me say that if the Board sells the present property and locates on the shore

front that it cannot in anywise ~~The~~ The loser. For if properly depreciates in valuation then it has gained by selling out before the depreciation. If on the other hand property should increase in valuation then its new property would be thereby increased in valuation - and that very much as the town if it continues to grow must grow in that direction.

Say now we could receive $10,000. for the present property. We could for $5,000. at the most, put up a complete mission plant. This you see would leave a surplus of $5,000. and your mission would be placed in a far better and more advantageous place. And you would have acres of land when you only have a few feet here. Mr. Rogers, the architect and builder of your Chilkat mis-

sion, is now here. I have submitted to him my plan of a new mission building. He has looked it over carefully and says he fails to see where it can be improved. When he gets home he will make a carefully drawing of the same. When he shall have returned mine I shall submit the same to your judgement.

The reasons, which are many, for selling out and moving out have already been submitted to the Board.

Hoping to hear from you soon in regard to this very important matter, I remain,

Very cordially yours

D. F. Jones

Shows if the Board owning 2 blocks in Juneau. In this diagram you may see that it owns but 3/4 of a block. 1/4 block is north of 5th St. and 1/2 south of 5th St. The 1/4 block faces north. The 1/2 block faces south. The 1/4 block is known valuable proportionally more than the 1/2 block. The 1/2 block is more elevated than the 1/4 block. Less than one block does the Board own.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, Feb 18 18 97.

Rev. Geo. F. McAfee,
New York City

Dear Brother:-

Enclosed please find notice relative to the sale of the Board's property here in Juneau. This has been inserted in one of the local papers as the property is now before the public. I trust that this is satisfactory and meets the approval of the Board. We will have title to the property before the first of May. Please take care of this document as we may need it to refer to. Every care has been taken to handle the matter promptly and safely.

I would ask you the balance of $115.00 due me from the financial amount by the Juneau Lbg. Assn. [illegible]

ed. [illegible] should in need of it. What about future correspondence in relation to financial matters, am I to correspond with Mr Olin or yourself? Some time ago you advised me to correspond with you about such matters but now that we have a permanent Treasurer it may be that you desire that all financial matters be referred to him.

Would say that goods as per bill from Madhava dated Feb. 6, 1847 duly received.

Also would say that I have removed from the Queen City Wharf some number of the Books which was addressed to Madras Mission, Chicat, and have now lying there since September last— have removed the same to our mission. It was piling badly up in the wharf.

I did as the advice of Mr. Madhava.

We are all well and the work progressing. With kindest regards, Dear,

Yours truly

L. T. Jones

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Bids Invited for Real Estate

The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., offers for sale all its real Estate situated in the town of Juneau, Alaska, excepting so much of Lot No 5 in block No 19, as is covered by the Church building and annex now thereon situated. Said real Estate being Lots Nos 5 (Except as above stated) 6, 7 and 8 in block No 19, and Lots Nos 3 and 4 in block No 22, together with all buildings and improvements thereon situated.

The undersigned, the agent of and for the said Board of Home Missions, will receive bids for the purchase of said described property until March 31st 1897.

Terms of sale: Cash; possession of the property will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers, immediately upon the completion of the new Mission Plant, approximately, on or before July 1st 1897.

The Board of Home Missions reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Juneau Alaska Feby 3. 1897

Address L. F. Jones. Agent

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, Oct. 1st 18

Rev. Geo. F. McAfee, D.D.
New York City.

Dear Brother:-

Saturday Mr. L. C. Frey, [illegible]
cently of New York City, approached, with
the view of pursuing the matter in
promises which we have for some
time wanted to sell. Mr. Frey represents
a company in New York City. Mr. Frey
desires the premises at the Board
figures. Board has objected to the Church
building remaining there if it is for any
good length of time. Now I have
what I said when I saw you last that
I absolutely necessary to have our church
building remain in its present position
hood - if, so long as the natives
they are. But to decide the matter
personal to Mr. Frey the Executive Committee
on both the occasions and thoroughly

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with the buildings thereon, excepting the church building, for the consideration of $7,500.

This leaves us the ½ block on which the parsonage now stands and a place to which we can move the church building. We can move the church building right beside our present parsonage and we will then have both in convenient location.

Mr. Foy accepted the proposition. The first consideration was $7,000 but Mr. Foy raised it to $7500 so as to cover the cost of moving the church building to our present town lot. I told him that since this is a deviation from our original intentions that I would first lay the matter before the Board before acting in the matter and that I would also hold the property until I should hear from the Board and then, if approved by that body, would give him the option of purchase. I mailed a copy of the

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Triplicate which I have given him to this effect.

Please reply at once as to how I shall proceed with the [illegible]

Very respectfully yours
L F Jones

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Dear Brothers:-

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As I am to give Mr. Levy a copy of the above letter that I have written for [illegible] years. I would say that this is very much better [illegible] than selling the whole for $10,000. in the place the $7,500. is more than [illegible] The Board feels disposed to do so, they should [illegible] the [illegible] Thanks for [illegible] and also up The Home entirely "then" they have to secure a location for their church and that in juxtaposition to its premises. And I would say this that [illegible] antagonistic to [illegible] thought of [illegible] the Home [illegible] as I [illegible] last spring. I will tell you why. In the first [illegible] working force is not antagonistic, if the Synod cannot provide that antagonistic [illegible]

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In the second place we have so much sickness I am discouraged. We have now no less than five children sick in bed two of whom the doctor gives us no encouragement of their recovery. This entails great care on the Teachers. In fact the Teachers are overworked. So if the Board would dispose of that portion of its property which consists of the ~~Mission~~ House and discontinue the work I would interpose no objection. However whether they decide to continue or not I shall acquiesce in their decision.

But to continue the arguments to show that selling the portion referred to for $750. is a better proposition than selling the whole for $850. You are clearly left in possession of the most desirable portion of your property. As the portion which you sell to Mr. Frey is ~~unfenced~~ the addition of this will be considered. You can sell it at any time you desire.

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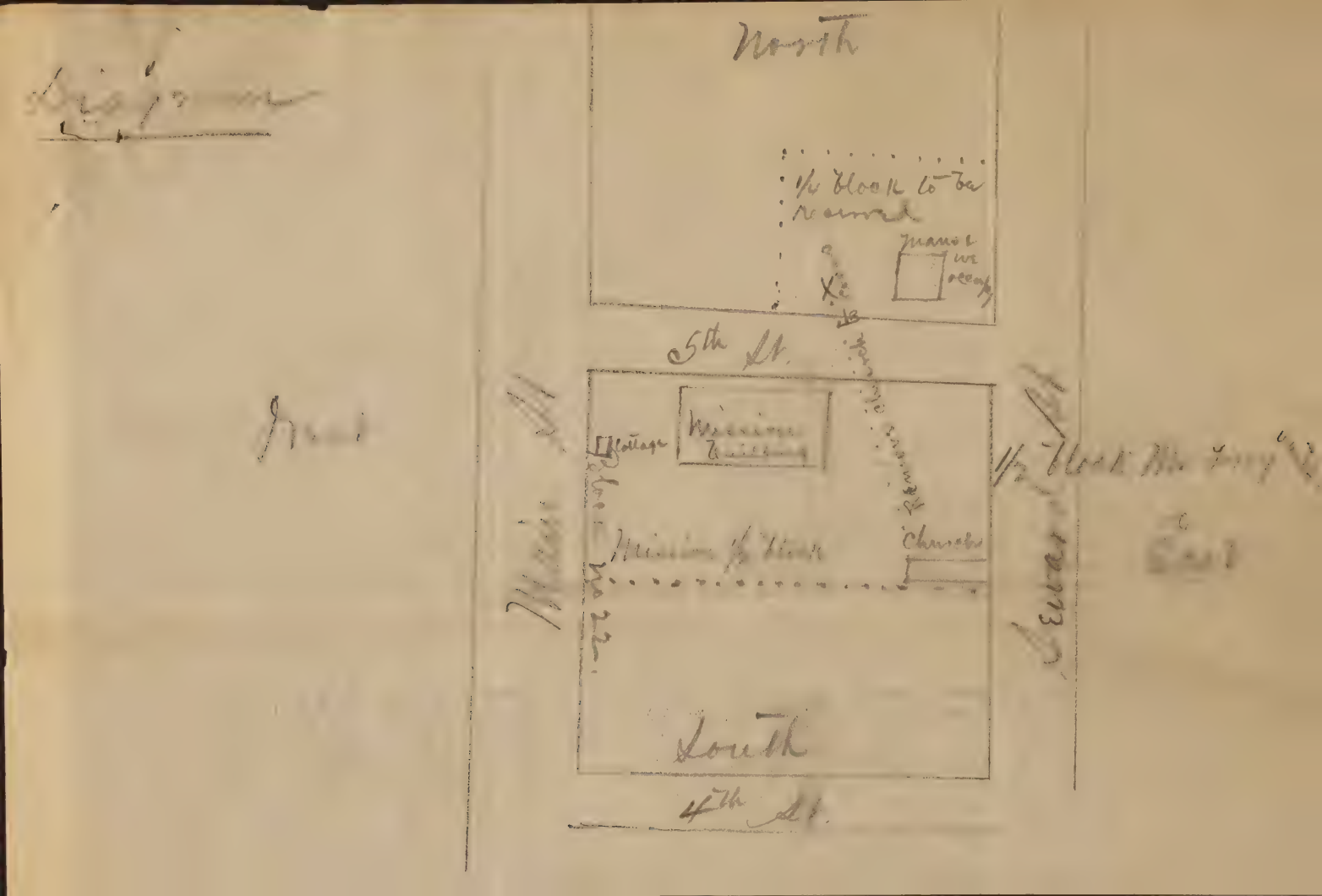
You will find a place reserved when you
can bring on your church work to the
best advantage in case you close with
the Home next spring; and even if you
erect a new mission on the shore front
you will still need such a place until
such times as the natives will move
from where they are.

You can only
[illegible] sale. Mr. Reid, our lawyer,
and also Judge Dudley thoroughly agree
with me and think as I, that you
should close with this proposition.

Of course Mr. Doty understands that
this is a cash proposition & that
we cannot give possession before next
spring. He is thoroughly satisfied with
these terms, claiming not to need the
building before June. Please write at once.

Yours truly L. F. Jones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Parsonage not occupied
5th St.
Cottage
Mission Building
Mission House
Church
½ Block
South
4th St.

Law Office of
Thos. N. Strong

Portland, Or. Dec. 17-07.

Mr. Harvey C. Olin,

Treas. Board of Home Missions,

Madison Square Branch,

P. O. Box 156,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of December 17th is at hand and I have carefully looked over the letter of Mr. Jones. It is difficult from this far away point to determine anything in regard to the costs of legal proceedings in Alaska; nor does Mr. Jones state enough in his letter to base any opinion upon. The cost based upon the estimated value of the lots seems to me somewhat excessive. I do not know what the expense of obtaining the Townsite Patent of Juneau was, but if the estimates are as high as $30.00 upon a $250.00 lot you will see that it amounts to 12 per cent of the entire value of the property, an amount that would appear to me grossly in excess of any reasonable amount necessary to obtain such title.

Mr. Jones should have forwarded with his letter some statement of the items that make up the amount for which the estimates are levied. He refers in his letter to a clipping from one of the local

papers being enclosed. This clipping is not in your enclosures to me and possibly might have contained the desired information. There is something wrong in regard to the estimate of these lots or in regard to Col. Fraser's offer for them; either the estimate is too low or the offer too high. It may be that in estimating the value of property for the assessment the owners placed them very low to avoid the assessment as much as possible.

Everything is in turmoil at Juneau and the mining excitement threatens to sweep the Town off from its feet. It may be either ruined by the growth of a new City at Skaguay or Dyea or to the contrary it may become the distributing center for the mines; in which latter case property within its limits could become very valuable. The Townsite is limited by the water on one side and the high mountains on the other. The best thing you can do is to obtain your information from reliable parties upon the ground, and this I find myself is a very difficult thing to do, as in the mining excitement people are moving rapidly and so absorbed in other matters as to pay very little attention to general inquiries from here.

MISSION SITES.

In regard to this matter I have written to Alaska and have been trying for some time to get information in regard to these but so far have not received a single answer from the North.

Yours very truly,

Thos. N. Strong

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JUNEAU, ALASKA, May 4 18 97

Rev. Geo. F. McAfee.
New York City.
Dear Brother:

I was just able this morning to secure the deed from the record my office. I had to borrow the book for record though parties had some time ago. It is now 9 o'clock P.M., the mail steamer "Topeka" will land some time tonight. I shall now go to the Post Office and if I can secure M.O. will send you the dollar - balance due the Board after all matters pertaining to deeds was settled. If Mr. Millard pays for recording of the Quitclaim he forwarded for record Thos. 3.50 more will be refunded you. According to

Attorney bill enclosed dated (illegible) 20, 1898. You will observe that I paid for That. But something was said on Mr. Willard's letter to the record - my opinion that he would pay for it. If he does Then as I say I shall receive $2,50 back which I will return to you.

You will observe that the Record bills amount to $241.00 Amount received by me from you $180. from Mr Allin $62. Total $242.00 to defray same. Hence $1. due you.

I am as well as usual. Baby is thriving nicely. Had another party looking over the premises with a view to buying. But as usual The big building stands in the way. The gentleman said he would accept the proposition in a minute were the big building off of it. Unless the Government buys it for new Court House etc I fear we shall not soon have a purchaser

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as the big building seems to be a hindrance to all individuals who contemplate buying.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs McAfee from us both.

Yours truly
L. F. Jones

In haste

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Extract from the Minutes of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,- held November twenty-second, 1898.

"That the action of the Superintendent of School Work in transferring to Mr. John G. Heid of Juneau, Alaska, Power of Attorney to sell in the name of the Board execute titles to certain lands in said Juneau, be approved and confirmed.

"That Mr. Heid be authorized to sell the plot of land on which stand the Home, the Cottage, and the Native Church building,- reserving the church building - for the sum of $7000. cash, or $7500. of which sum $5000. at least to be cash and the balance on time, at his discretion, secured by mortgage of property."

F.F.

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December 9th, 1899.

Rev. L. F. Jones,

Juneau, Alaska.

My Dear Sir:-

Some time since we received from you some papers in connection with our property at Juneau. Among these was the deed from the Township Trustee to lots 3 and 4 in block 22. This deed appeared to have been recorded but the signature of the recorder was not upon it. I therefore return it in order that it may be signed by the recorder. There was, I believe, some error in the receipt enclosed for the payment of assessment on these two lots and the receipt has already been returned to you. I had expected to receive deeds to lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in block 19, lots which were purchased by this Board from other holders in past years. No such deeds were received. The receipts enclosed however, seem to show that deeds to these lots have been issued. Is this the case? If so, will you please have the deeds placed on record if they have not already been recorded and then send them to this office? In case the deeds to these four lots have not been secured (which seems unlikely from the reading of the receipts which have been received) will you please take steps to have them issued to the Board by the Trustee at the earliest possible moment? I should be glad to be informed also of what you consider is the actual present value of each of these lots. I should like to know too what buildings are situated on any of the lots and the value of such buildings.

Thanking you in advance for any information in regard to the

property which you may give me, I am,

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(enclosure)

Juneau, Alaska
Dec. 30, 1899

Mr. N. C. Olin,
New York City

Dear Brother:

Enclosed please find the desired deeds. You will notice that one deed covers the four lots in block 19. This was done to save recording fees. This deed was placed into Mr. J. G. Reid's care by Mr. McAfee. The two deeds was properly recorded in the Commissioner's office here before I got them from the Trustees office and passed them over to the Board. Everything in regard to them was properly settled for at the time, the receipts sent to headquarters and the balance of the appropriation by the Board for the same refunded to Mr. McAfee of

which you are no doubt aware. I hasten to send them by return mail.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind wishes and congratulations and also for your very prompt remittance of salary for month ending Dec. 3rd 1899. As it is so near the time for my voucher for the month ending Jan. 3rd, 1900, to go in I will take the liberty to enclose it in this. My remittance in this instance will not come any too soon as Xmas had quite a demoralizing effect on my purse.

We had a most enjoyable X'mas. The X'mas Tree & entertainment was a decided success and every body delighted with the occasion.

Wishing you a very prosperous and happy New Year, I am, Cordially yours

J. D. Jones

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Rev. Geo. F. Mc.Afee,

Thousand Island Park, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Mc.Afee:-

Enclosed herewith I hand you a letter which has just come to the office from Rev. L. F. Jones, setting forth his opinion as to the sale of ~~the~~ part of our property at Juneau. Dr. Thompson advises the sale of the lot desired by the Methodists, and our conference August 2nd also advised. I shall be glad, however, if you will, from your knowledge of the situation, also give me your opinion. I will then bring the matter to the attention of the School Committee and be ready to take it up with the Methodists when they shall open correspondence.

I trust that you are gaining and that your vacation is beginning to do you some good.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

Juneau, Alaska,
July 15, 1899.

Rev. Geo. F. McAfee,
New York City.

Dear Brother:-

I do not know what communication you have had ~~received~~ from our Methodist brethren of late relative to the purchase of the Mission property here. I write you that Dr. Walden, the superintendent of the Methodist Church in Alaska, was in the states recently to secure from their Church & Mission Society means to purchase the whole of this property. He has recently returned and from what he tells me he is not very hopeful of success. While Dr. Thompson was here I conferred with him the advisability of selling them the one lot (corner) which they desire & will buy even though they do not buy the whole. Dr. Thompson agreed with me that it would be advisable to do so as we could not see that it would injure the rest of the

property but rather enhance its value since they would improve the property they purchase with a church and manse. Since Dr. Thompson left I have conferred with Mr. Reid - who was away when the Dr. was here - and he thinks it would be advisable. Now as to the price. Mr. Reid and I think the Board of H. Missions should realize fifteen hundred ($1500) for the lot they desire. If our church is to be moved they pay for the moving. This is reasonable and just and the Board should be satisfied with nothing less.

You may receive some communication from them soon about this and therefor I write that you might be prepared.

Mrs. Jones has been sick ever since we returned - confined to her bed and under the doctor's care. Very much to our deep regret we were

3/ not privileged to entertain
Dr. & Mrs. Thompson when here.
We offered them our hospital-
ity but owing to Mrs. Jones' ill-
ness they refused to accept
out of consideration to her fear-
ing that she might worry that
they were not being properly
Entertained if they remained.
It was a great disappoint-
ment to us both. However we
had the pleasure of seeing
quite a little of them and this
since we could not entertain
them was something. Dr. attend-
ed our 2 of our Sunday services
when we had twenty-two baptisms,
Eleven adults & eleven little ones.
I think he enjoyed the service.

Since the first of the year
we have received on profession
of faith thirty-three. Some of
them are of the older and more

& influential class of natives.
Several were from the Russian
church. We are having large
attendance right along. When
fall comes and all our peo-
ple have returned from their
wanderings I doubt if our
chapel will accommodate
them. If the Methodist peo-
ple would buy this chapel
as they have made some such
proposal and let us build
a new one and little larger
it would be well. I think we
shall need the increased room
next winter. However this is a
mere suggestion.

Baby has been
very well. She walks all over
and independently of every one.
Talking quite a little too.

Mrs. Jones joins me in very
kindest regards to yourself & Mrs. McA.

Sincerely yours
L. F. Jones

8/9/99.

Dear Mr. Olin. Your favor of — received. You see I have Bp. Jones letter. I think Dr. Thompsons recommendation wise. Our good White Ch. people of Jonesboro got themselves into a peculiarly distressing condition by selling their Log Cabin Ch property without making inquiry as to what it was to be used for — a saloon on the site was the result. If the Bd should sell the property in a body a brewery or distillery might be put up at once. To have a Church building on the corner would shut out all such objectionable concerns.

If the M.E. Ch. people will pay $1500 for the corner and remove the nature chapel across the street & our parsonage site. It seems to me wise to sell — Or $2000 for lot & Chapel. Thus giving us

$500 with which to help us erect a better and more desirable Ch. for the colored. I presume $1000 would give them as good and commodious a building as they will ever need.

I believe the balance of the property — with the Ch. on the corner would sell more readily for residence purposes. than it would sell in a body.

I therefore recommend the sale of the corner lot to the M E. Ch people.

Sincerely Yours

Geo. F McGee

P.S. I am getting my foot & the grind a little; can walk without staggering and feel much better. I am more than ever grateful for the privilege of running home a little longer. G.F. Mc